

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached replacement sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 12. This sheet, which includes Fig. 12, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 12. To correct a typographical error in block 1204 of Fig. 12, the text “1102” has been replaced with “1202” to conform to the description in paragraph [0079].

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-49 and 52-71 are pending in the application. The Examiner additionally stated that claim 52 is rejected. By this amendment, claims 1 and 52 have been amended. Hence, claims 1-49 and 52-71 are pending in the application.

Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the foregoing amendments.

In the Specification

Applicant has amended paragraph [0032] to address the informality whose correction was required by the Examiner. No new matter is presented.

In the Claims

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated claims 24-49 and 53-71 are allowable.

The Examiner indicated claims 1-23 would be allowable if amended to overcome the objections noted in the Office Action. Applicant has amended claim 1 to address the informality.

The Examiner indicated claim 52 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph noted below.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner rejected claim 52 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicant has amended the claim to explicitly point out what occurs if the host computer does not have access to the logical storage device.

In the Drawings

Applicant has attached a replacement sheet of drawings to correct a typographical error in block 1204 of Fig. 12 as described above.

CONCLUSIONS

In view of the arguments advance above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-49 and 52-71 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested, and allowance of the claims is solicited.

Applicant earnestly requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned practitioner by telephone if the Examiner has any questions or suggestions concerning this amendment, the application, or allowance of any claims thereof.

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Replacement Sheet of Fig. 12